

Amendment to the Abstract:

Please replace the existing abstract with the following amended abstract:

ABSTRACT

A method ~~is described~~ for driving a gas discharge lamp (1), ~~specifically a HID lamp, more specifically a metal halide lamp, most specifically a metal halide lamp with an aspect ratio larger than 3 or even 4.~~ comprises supplying the lamp ———
———~~The lamp is supplied~~ with a commutating DC current having a duty cycle (D) and an average current intensity (I_{AV}) at a certain electrical output power. ———
———The method further comprises the step of varying the average current intensity (I_{AV}) and the electrical output power in order to vary the color temperature of the lamp.
———~~Preferably,~~ In one embodiment, the average current intensity (I_{AV}) is changed by changing the duty cycle (D), and the electrical output power is varied in relation to the average current intensity (I_{AV}). The gas discharge lamp can comprise one of a HID lamp, a metal halide lamp, or a metal halide lamp with an aspect ratio larger than 3.

Fig. 2